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#### **STATE OF DELAWARE**

#### **BOARD OF PLUMBING AND HVACR EXAMINERS**

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF PLUMBING & HVACR EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

**Conference Room A**, second floor of the Cannon

MINUTES APPROVED: September 13, 2016

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charles Robbins, Professional Member, President Frank Beebe, Professional Member John Mills, Professional Member Harold Caswell, Professional Member, Vice President Craig Tenaro, Professional Member James Anderson, Public Member Matthew Reilly, Professional Member

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Brady, Public Member Sheila Littleton, Public Member

### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II Christine Mast, Administrative Specialist III

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

David Huey, Huey's Country Heating & AC Pat Huey Clarence Huey Thomas Mehrtens Jr., Air Quality Service

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Robbins called the meeting to order at 8:43 am.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Tenaro, to approve the June 14, 2016 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Proposed to Deny Hearing

### Thomas Mehrtens, Master HVACR

The PTD hearing for Mr. Mehrtens went on record at 9:11 a.m., with introduction of the board members. Mr. Mehrtens was sworn in at 9:14 a.m. Mr. Mehrtens presented the board with an explanation regarding his past experiences. At 9:24 a.m. the board went into deliberations. The hearing resumed at 9:32 a.m. with Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Caswell, to deny Mr. Mehrten licensure based on the probation barrier, as well as meeting the HVACR experience requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Review of Examination Applications**

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Tenaro, to approve Erik Seal to take the Master HVACR By-Pass exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tenaro, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to table the Master HVACR application of Irvin DeMark. The Board is requesting that Mr. DeMark shows proof of 7 years' experience. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Caswell, to propose to deny the Master HVACR application of Mohammad Gul. The board is requesting proof of 7 years under the direct supervision of a licensed HVACR, or an individual holding a similar licensure in another state. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tenaro, seconded by Mr. Mills, to approve Ryan Wolfe to take the Master Plumber Exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tenaro, seconded by Mr. Mills, to Alan Baringoldz to take the HVACR Master Bypass exam, contingent upon receipt of the Universal CFC card. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Tenaro, seconded by Mr. Mills, to approve the Master Plumber application of Brian Bee. The motion carried unanimously.

### Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills, to ratify the applications of:

- Anthony Harding, MD, Master Plumber
- William Wise, MD, Master HVACR
- Derek McGonigal, MD, Master HVACR
- Laura Dennis, MD, Master Plumber
- Robert Hacker, MD, Master HVACR

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Examination- Passing Results**

The board reviewed the examination results that showed out of 7 HVACR candidates, 5 had passing scores. Out of 2 Plumbing candidates, 1 had a passing score.

- Jeffrey Gross, HVACR
- Jason Hoard, HVACR
- William Stephen Mills, HVACR
- Michael Wilson, HVACR

- Joseph Wright, HVACR
- Brian Sipps, Plumbing

#### **Review of Crimelist**

Mr. Maloney gave the board the revised list of crimes substantially related. Mr. Maloney stated that at the next meeting the board will vote on the amendment.

### Discussion of Reciprocity- Pennsylvania & New Jersey- DPR

Mr. Robbins stated that the board will handle each reciprocity application on an individual basis until the statute changes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### David Huey

Mr. Huey addressed the board with his concerns of having to take an exam in order to get his Restricted HVACR license back. The board explained the process for Mr. Huey to regain licensure and explained to him that he has to make application.

#### William Wolf- Request for Reactivation of License

A motion was made by Mr. Tenaro, seconded by Mr. Caswell to reactivate Mr. Wolf's Plumbing license. The motion carried unanimously.

### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

### Hood Exam- Proctoring process for DPR

Mr. Robbins provided the answer sheet to Ms. Brown for the Hood exam. The board decided to allow a time frame of 1 hour for the test and a 70% passing score. They are also allowing the 2015 IMC Book, as well as a basic calculator.

#### Carbon Monoxide- Fire Marshall

Mr. Robbins mentioned when the law gets changed, there may have to be a certification for Plumbers to install the sprinklers in residential houses. It will be the plumber's responsibility to hook up to the main. Mr. Robbins advised that he will contact the State Fire Marshall to see if they would require a separate certification added to the Master Plumber license.

#### Review of NJ minutes- Reciprocity with other States

The board discussed possibly changing the statute in the near future but until that transpires the board will handle each applicant on an individual bases for Plumbing.

#### Response regarding reciprocity agreement with Delaware

#### New Jersey & Virginia

Ms. Brown drafted a letter to the state of New Jersey and Virginia inquiring if they are interested in exploring the reciprocity agreement with the state of Delaware. Ms. Brown provided the response from Virginia that stated that they are always interested in exploring the possibility of having an agreement for license in other states. New Jersey's contact responded that she will schedule the reciprocity issue with the board at the September 6, 2016 Board meeting and contact me with the findings of the board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on September 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe seconded Mr. Tenaro, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

LaTonya Brown

Administrative Specialist II